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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S TEMPLE (PT) INVESTIGATION
REF : A. CARACAS 11496 (NOTAL); B. CARACAS 11530 (NOTAL)
1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT BANK RECORDS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PUBLIC RECORDS AND CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY COURT ORDER.
2. MEMBERS OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO ARRIVED IN TRINIDAD ON "ALBATROSS III" ON PURCHASING TRIP PRIOR TO JONESTOWN INCIDENT RECENTLY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AN ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY $60,000 (TT) HAD BEEN OPENED AT BARCLAYS BANK, PORT OF SPAIN. PURPOSE OF ACCOUNT WAS ALLEGEDLY TO COVER PURCHASES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE "ALBATROSS III" AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY WAS PFLEN SWINNEY, ONE OF FOUR MEMBERS OF PT WHO ARRIVED ON BOARD THE VESSEL. THEY CLAIMED THAT THE ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED ON DECEMBER 9 AND THEY PROFESSED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER ACCOUNTS IN TRINIDAD.
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3. FOR GEORGETOWN: ACCORDING TO RICHARD JANARO, PURCHASING AGENT FOR PT ON BOARD THE "ALBATROSS III," PAULA ADAMS AND DEBORAH TOUCHETTE HANDLED ALL EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PT. THEY PURPORTEDLY OPENED THE ACCOUNT HERE THROUGH A TRANSFER WITH BARCLAYS IN GEORGETOWN. FOX
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